(c) whether it is not a fact that children of school going are (between 6-14) are employed in large numbers in the above Industry;

(d) when the minimum wages in the above industry was fixed and introduced;

(e) whether it is not a fact that commensurate with the rise in price of beedies during these years the wages of workers in this industry is very low;

(f) the steps they propose to take to improve the conditions of beedi workers, considering their present conditions?

A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Transport and Tourism):—

(a) About twenty five thousand including outworkers.

(b) About 400 workers are employed in factories and about 24,600 workers are employed outside the factories.

(c) This may be true in some cases where beedies are rolled at home.

(d) The minimum wages were fixed in Government Notification No. LLH 70 LMW 59, dt. 16-12-1959 to take effect from 31-12-1959.

(e) Yes, the wages are low. The question of revision of minimum wage is under consideration of Government.

(f) The Mysore Beedi Industrial Premises (Regulation of Conditions of work) Act, 1964 will provide the necessary relief in improving the conditions of the beedi workers.

Persons under detention in the State.

*Q.—175. Sri A. KRISHNA SHETTY (Mangalore-II).

Will the Government be pleased state :—

(a) the number of communists and others that are under detention in the State at present;

(b) whether the detenus are kept under one class;

(c) if not, the number of detenus under each class;

(d) how many of them are given family allowances and the amount so given to each of them;

(e) whether representations have been received from them and on their behalf to extend better facilities for better conditions of life during the detention period;

(f) the action taken in this regard?

A.—Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Home).—

(*a*) At present, 55 persons are detained under the D.I.R. 1962.

Communists : 20

Others : 35

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Class I—5

Class II—50

(*d*) 46 detenus have been granted family allowance at Rs. 100 each per month.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Government have revised the conditions of detention and provided better facilities.

Minor Irrigation works in Gulbarga District.

*Q.—177. Sri S. RUDRAPPA (Kalgi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Minor Irrigation works sanctioned during 1964-65 in Gulbarga District ;

(*b*) the total amount spent on these works in the above district ?

A.—Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Deputy Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) 111 works.

(*b*) Rs. 6,90,189.

Abolition of Cycle Tax.

*Q.—203. Sri A. KRISHNA SHETTY (Mangalore-II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the reasons for rejecting the proposal of the Bangalore City Corporation to abolish Cycle Tax ?